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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MU, US, UK, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: MASIRA; ISLAND

REF: MUSCAT 263

1. WE HAVE PASSED TO YOU MUSCAT 263 NOTING ZAWAWI'S  
FRUSTRATION AT OUR DELAY IN INDICATING WHAT, IF ANY, USE OF  
MASIRAH WE WISH TO MAKE AFTER MARCH 31. WE HAVE JUST  
RECEIVED (DUNCAN TO HABIB LETTER) DETAILED JUSTIFICATION  
FOR THE VARIOUS FACILITIES DOD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ON  
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MASIRAH; THEY OBVIOUSLY WILL REQUIRE REVIEW AND  
POLICY DECISIONS.

2. IMMEDIATE QUESTION, HOWEVER, IS NOT EXTENT OF FACILITIES  
WE EVENTUALLY MIGHT SEEK, BUT WHETHER WE WANT PRESENT  
LEVEL OF P-3 VISITS TO CONTINUE WITHOUT HITCH AFTER  
MARCH 31 WHILE DECISIONS REGARDING FUTURE USE ARE BEING

MADE. DOD WISHES SUCH CONTINUATION AS INTERIM STEP, AND WE CONCUR THIS SHOULD BE SOUGHT. OMANI GOVERNMENT COULD BE NOTIFIED OF OUR WISH TO CONTINUE USE AT PRESENT LEVEL OF VISITS, AND TO WORK OUT ANY NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSIGNMENTS TO THAT END, WHILE OUR REVIEW OF POSSIBLE FUTURE USE OF MASIRAH PROCEEDS. WE DO NOT FEEL THIS WOULD COMMIT US ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AS TO FUTURE

USE. (OMANIS MIGHT RESPOND BY ASKING WITH GREATER SPECIFICITY WHAT USG IS PREPARED TO OFFER IN RETURN FOR EVEN PRESENT LEVEL OF USAGE, BUT WE BELIEVE BETTER FEEL FOR POSSIBLE OMANI PRICE WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR POLICY DECISIONS REGARDING ULTIMATE USE.)

3. RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY'S PARTY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AMBASSADOR WOLLE'S PRESENCE IN RIYADH TO INSTRUCT HIM TO RESPOND TO ZAWAWI ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. WE APPRECIATE PATIENCE OF OMAN GOVERNMENT IN AWAITING OUR RESPONSE REGARDING FUTURE USE OF MASIRAH WHILE OUR STUDY OF THIS QUESTION PROCEEDS IN CONTEXT OF NEW ADMINISTRATION'S REVIEW OF OVERALL POLICY. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE URGENTLY TO CONSIDER THIS QUESTION AND ASSURE OMAN GOVERNMENT OF A RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

B. IN MEANTIME IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD AGREE THAT P-3 VISITS AT PRESENT LEVEL OF FREQUENCY COULD CONTINUE AFTER APRIL 1 UNTIL TWO GOVERNMENTS REACH A DECISION ABOUT ULTIMATE USE OF FACILITIES AT MASIRAH.

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C. WE HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION CONTINUED VISITS AT PRESENT LEVEL WOULD PRESENT NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT BUT TO CLARIFY THIS POINT WE WILL GIVE ZAWAWI SOONEST A DETAILED LISTING OF LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS FOR OUR VISITS AT PRESENT LEVEL.

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